Searle back— mystery over 'Hutch'

KEITH SEARLE
. . . rejoins

KEITH Searle, Wycombe Wanderers' leading scorer at the start of the season who left for Hendon in December, has re-joined the club it was announced this week, **(writes Stuart Earp).**

He was released by Isthmian League leaders Hendon last week and signed for Wycombe after discussing his future with Southern Leaguers Barnet.

Searle's record at Wycombe in recent years speaks for itself. In the 1971/72 season he clocked up 46 goals in 76 games. Last term he was top of the goalscoring charts with no less than 44 goals.

Although he lost something of his goal touch at the start of the season, scoring 12 in all, his all-round game was brilliant. Manager Brian Lee described the player as "one of the best centre forwards in the country" when he joined Hendon on December 3.

However, while Searle was returning to Wycombe, there was something of a mystery surrounding another player — Johnny Hutchinson.

Nothing has been seen or heard of "Hutch" at the club since the Clapton game on March 3, when he was given permission to attend a friend's wedding. He was expected to play in the friendly against Q.P.R. the following Monday but didn't turn up.

So far the club has received no application for his resignation. (Full story in Friday's Bucks Free Press).

JOHN HUTCHINSON

WYCOMBE Wanderers play their last match in Section B of the Premier Midweek Floodlight League tonight (Tuesday) when they visit Marlow at the Alfred David Memorial ground.

There is little in the match for Wycombe, as they have already sewn up the section with 19 points from their nine matches — their only blemish being a 2-1 defeat at Wokingham. But Marlow will be out to clinch the runners up spot.

They are in third place — two points behind Wokingham and with a superior goal average. Victory tonight would mean two points and second place.

John Reyner misses tonight's game but Dave Richardson, who came on as substitute on Saturday, is back in the side. Shiell takes over in the number 12 shirt.